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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ALIA/SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES AIR CARRIER
PERMITS

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1. REUTER REPORT (REFTEL) CORRECT, ALIA FLEW JULY 11 AS
SCHEDULED. PRESIDENT SIGNED (SECTION 402) FOREIGN AIR
CARRIER PERMITS FOR ALIA AND SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES ON JULY 9.
(FYI: CAB PREPARED INTERIM PERMISSION AT DEPT REQUEST TO
PERMIT JULY 11 FLIGHT IN EVENT PRESIDENT DID NOT SIGN 402
PERMIT. END FYI.) FINAL CAB ORDER ISSUING PERMITS WAS
FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TO AIRLINES THROUGH ATTORNEY JULY 11.

2. DEPT RELUCTANT TO BELIEVE THAT SYRIAN ARAB AIR WAS
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UNAWARE OF STATUS OF PERMITS AND ALIA FLIGHT. ATTORNEY FOR
ALIA AND SYRIAN ARAB AIR INFORMED DEPT THAT BOTH AIRLINES
WERE MADE AWARE THAT CAB WOULD AUTHORIZE INTERIM PERMISSION
TO FLY AS WELL AS IMMINENCE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF 402
PERMIT.

3. ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY, ALIA AND SYRIAN ARAB AIR CLEARLY

HAVE DIFFERING OPERATING PHILOSOPHIES. ALIA OPERATED
FLIGHT AS SCHEDULED; SYRIANS ARE CAUTIOUSLY PLANNING TO

OPEN OFFICES, PROMOTE SERVICE, ETC., BEFORE COMMITTING
THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT TO JOINT OPERATION. ATTORNEY ADVISES
HE WILL REVIEW HIS COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIS CLIENTS WITH A
VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING CONTACT WITH SYRIANS.

4. FYI: USG ACTION IN THIS CASE BY ALL PAST STANDARDS
WAS EXPEDITIOUS. IT APPEARS SYRIANS MAY BE UNPREPARED TO
TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF 18 MONTH TRIAL PERIOD. PAN AM AD-
VISES THAT ALIA HAS ENTERED CONTRACT FOR GROUND HANDLING
SERVICES AT NEW YORK BUT THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM
SYRIANS. PAN AM ASSUMES JOINT OPERATION WOULD WANT TO USE
SAME TERMINAL AT JFK. END FYI.

5. BOARD ORDER APPROVING FLIGHTS WILL BE POUCHED WHEN
AVAILABLE. VANCE

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